January 22, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

As an active computer user, I would urge you to settle the case against Microsoft. I have heard repeatedly of the unfair advantages that Microsoft has over its competitors and believe this to be a ploy on the part of Microsoft's competitors in the industry.

I have owned a Palm Pilot for over five years while using Microsoft Outlook on my desktop computer. I have never had any synchronization problems with the two software programs. The charge that Microsoft is trying to squash its competition by making software that does not work with other programs is unwarranted.

Please work to settle this case as quickly as possible so that all companies involved can focus their time and efforts on software not law suits.

Sincerely

Barney Chapman

P.S. as a former, Republican-Weber County Chairman, I can arsure you that this is the busher of many granswort Republican. Attached in an Op Ed prine of a good friend.